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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MILI BL
SUBJ: PRESIDENT BANZER COMMENTS ON US MILITARY ASSISTANCE

1. DURING CONVERSATION ON APRIL 12 WITH LT GENERAL DENNIS MCAULIFFE, USCINCSO, PRESIDENT BANZER SAID THAT HE WOULD APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITING DELIVERIES OF MAP GRANT MATERIEL FOR THE BOLIVIAN TIPO REGIMENTS. HE MADE THE POINT THAT ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SCHEDULE, BY THE TIME SOME OF THE EQUIPMENT WILL ARRIVE, EQUIPMENT ALREADY HERE WILL BE OBSOLETE.

2. PRESIDENT BANZER SAID THAT HE INTENDS TO USE THE FMS CREDITS MADE AVAILABLE TO BOLIVIA FOR EITHER PRODUCTIVE OR SOCIAL PURPOSES TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE. HE SAID HE IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING REQUESTING THE FY-1977 FMS CREDIT OF 12 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE MILITARY-CIVIC HOSPITAL. THE BIGGEST PROBLEM HE HAS WITH THIS DECISION IS THE HIGH INTEREST RATE AND SHORT REPAYMENT PERIOD FOR THE FMS CREDIT. HE SAID THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER US POLICY TO ASSIST POOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES USE MILITARY CREDITS FOR HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS BY SOFTENING THE INTEREST RATE AND LENGTHENING REPAYMENT TERMS. GENERAL MCAULIFFE SAID THAT HE WOULD RAISE THIS
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POINT WITH THE JONT CHIEFS OF STAFF BUT HE COULD NOT OF COURSE GIVE ANY COMMITMENT AS TO THEIR REACTION.

3. PRESIDENT BANZER SAID THAT HE HAS FOLLOWED US CONGRESSIONAL ACTIONS ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE VERY CLOSELY AND IS QUITE CONCERNED THAT UNLESS THEIR ATTITUDES CHANGE THERE WILL BE A RUPTURE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND LATIN AMERICAN MILITARY, CREATING

AN OVBIOUS VACUUM WHICH WILL BE FILLED BY THE EUROPEANS OR THE SOVIET UNION. PRESIDENT BANZER SAID THAT HE WOULD REGRET SUCH A DEVELOPMENT AS HE CONSIDERS THE PROPER MILITARY RELATIONSHIP TO BE WITH THE US WHICH RE RECOGNIZES AS THE LEADER OF THE NON-COMMUNIST WORLD.

4. FOREGOING HAS NOT BEEN REVIEWED BY GENERAL MCAULIFFE WHO DEPARTED LA PAZ BEFORE THIS MESSAGE WAS DRAFTED. HE DID, HOWEVER, GIVE ME ORALLY HIS APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL OUTLINE OF THIS TEXT. STEDMAN

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